

**LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF WINDHAM, NH
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

The Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on the proposed Town Budget and Warrant for 2015 on Monday, January 12, 2015 at 7:00 pm at the Community Development Department, in accordance with RSA 32. A second hearing, if necessary, will be held on Monday, January 19, 2015 at 7:00 pm, at the Community Development Department. The proposed budget figures are as follows:

General Government	\$ 2,185,515.00
Public Safety	\$ 6,875,200.00
Highways, Streets and Bridges	\$ 1,172,830.00
Sanitation	\$ 819,895.00
Health and Human Services	\$ 34,360.00
Welfare	\$ 57,040.00
Culture and Recreation*	\$ 1,436,490.00
Debt Service	\$ 86,279.39
Capital Outlay - Roads	\$ 360,000.00
Total Proposed Budget	<u>\$ 13,027,609.39</u>

** does not include \$5,430 for Conservation Commission - shown as separate article*

Note that the Default Budget for 2015 would be \$12,773,660

The Selectmen will also address all Petition and Special Warrant Articles including:

(1)	\$ 500,000	for purchasing a new fire engine/tanker to replace the town's 1994 engine. \$344,530 of amount to be bonded over four years with the balance of \$155,470 to be paid from the 2015 appropriations. This appropriation is part of the recommended Capital Improvements Plan.
(2)	\$ 275,000	for the purpose of constructing a multi-use recreation field on town owned lot 3-B-601 (Spruce Pond area). \$180,000 of amount to be bonded over two years with the balance of \$95,000 to be paid from the 2015 appropriations. This appropriation is part of the recommended Capital Improvements Plan.
(3)	\$ 75,100	for the purpose of paying the second payment of a three year lease taken out in 2014 for a new Ambulance. This appropriation is part of the recommended Capital Improvements Plan.
(4)	\$ 75,000	for the purpose of a new Vehicle Exhaust Capture System for the Fire Department to be installed in the departments apparatus bays. This appropriation is part of the recommended Capital Improvements Plan.
(5)	\$ 24,000	to be used towards the replacement cost for a new HVAC system at the Nesmith Library. Note that \$24,000 of this appropriation will be withdrawn from the existing Library Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund. No new appropriations from 2015 are being requested therefore this request will have no additional impact to the tax rate. This appropriation is part of the recommended Capital Improvements Plan.

(6)	\$ 800,000	for the purpose of paying the cost to design, engineer, and construct improvements to the Windham Greenway Recreational Trail including paving said trail. \$640,000 of amount to be reimbursed to the town as part of a Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) Grant with the balance of \$160,000 to be paid from the 2015 appropriations. Note that this appropriation would be deemed null and void should the town not receive the TAP Grant. This appropriation is part of the recommended Capital Improvements Plan.
(7)	\$ 50,000	for Property Maintenance Trust
(8)	\$ 30,000	for Earned Time Trust
(9)	\$ 30,000	for Searles School Marketing and Maintenance - funding to come from Revenue Fund
(10)	\$ 5,430	for funding Conservation Commission operations
(11)	\$ 68,345	for hiring a new police officer beginning on or about July 1, 2015. Costs reflect wages, benefits and equipment for portion of year. The additional officer will afford the department the ability to assign an additional School Resource Officer.
(12)		to designate the following parcels as conservation under the care of the Conservation Commission: 11-C-1800 (Sheffield Street), 11-C-1801 and 11-C-1802, (Camelot Road), and 22-R-250 (Settlers Ridge Road)
(13)		to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell the following vacant parcels of town land: 1-B-1022, 3-B-290A, 3-B-680, 3-B-850-L2, 7-A-625, 11-C-3400, 16-C-5, 16-P-560, 17-L-65A, 19-B-701, 19-B-715, 20-D-2500, 21-V-243J.
(14)		to merge lot 16-P-1010, Fourth Street into town lot 16-P-510, Fourth Street and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell the combined parcel.
(15)		to authorize the Selectmen to sell lot 1-B-1025, (10 Blueberry Road), formally comprised of lots 1-B-1025, 1-B-1026, and 1-B-1027, as either one or two new lots as determined by the Board following engineering and Planning Board/ Zoning Board reviews as needed.
(16)		to establish a Special Revenue Fund called the Fire Cistern Special Revenue Fund, and to restrict the revenues derived from permit fees charged to inspect fire cisterns, placing these fees into the fund to be used for maintaining and replacing fire cisterns and their associated parts and equipment.
(17)		to release the ROW on Heritage Hill Road between lots 24-F-1605 and 24-F-1607 from public dedication and further to convey said parcel to the Windham School District.
(18)		to release the lot of land associated with a proposed future road off of Rock Pond Road between lots 25-D-3 and 25-D-2 from public dedication and further to convey said parcel to the abutters in equal halves under terms acceptable to the Board of Selectmen.

(19)	to discontinue several sections of the Old Route 111 which lie outside the State right-of-way which were turned over to the town. Said sections lie along the existing Rte 111 between Range Road and Mammoth Road.
(20)	to authorize the Selectmen to sell lots 8-B-850, 8-B-900 (Seavey Road), or portions thereof, to a private concern in exchange for an equal or greater amount of land to be determined by the Board of Selectmen.
(21)	by petition of Robert Coole and others - to authorize the Conservation Commission to manage the town forest, established by vote of the 2014 Town Meeting, as allowed under RSA 31:112 II.
(22)	to adopt By-Laws for the Management of Moeckel Pond, owned by the Town, and under the stewardship of the Conservation Commission
(23)	to adopt By-Laws for the Management of the Rte 28 Town Forest, owned by the Town, and under the stewardship of the Conservation Commission
\$ 1,932,875 Subtotal Special Articles	

	2015	2014	\$ Inc/(Dec)	% Inc/(Dec)
Operating Budget	\$ 13,027,609.39	\$ 12,867,560.00		
Special Articles	\$ 1,932,875.00	\$ 1,455,751.00		
Gross Appropriation	\$ 14,960,484.39	\$ 14,323,311.00	\$ 637,173.39	4.45%
Less: Revenues	\$ (1,218,530.00)	\$ (1,034,000.00)		
Total Budget (Net)	\$ 13,741,954.39	\$ 13,289,311.00	\$ 452,643.39	3.41%

As exhibited above, if all special articles are approved (total \$1,932,875), the gross appropriation will increase by \$637,173.39 or 4.45% over 2014. The total gross budget for 2015 would then be \$14,960,484.39 before use of other revenue sources.

The 2015 net budget, on which the tax rate is set, would be \$13,741,954.39 which represents a total budget increase of \$452,643.39, or 3.41% after taking into account the use of \$30,000 from the Searles Revenue Fund, \$640,000 in a TAP Grant, and \$180,000 in bond funds from Recreation Field Article, \$344,530 in bond funds from Fire Engine article, and \$24,000 from Capital Reserve Funds for Library HVAC (grand total of \$1,218,530 in revenue).

Posted by: David Sullivan, Town Administrator

Dated: December 24, 2014